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HONGKONG, SATURDAY, JANUARY 30, 1904.

CAVE!

While the details of the terrible catastrophe, which occurred at the Iroquois Theatre at Chicago, on the 30th December last, are still fresh in the minds of all, it is of no small interest to consider the chances existing of a similar conflagration in our Colony. Eliminating from the present appreciations the Theatre Royal—since it is built on European plans, is supposed to possess sufficient means of exit in event of fire and the performances given there being by no means regular or continual—it is important to consider the actual construction and situation of the principal Chinese theatres in this city, in which shows are given nightly to what is generally a densely packed audience. This Colony possesses three of these play-houses, the Ku Sing, in Queen's Road West, the Chung Hing, close to the Tung Wa Hospital, and the Po Hing, at Yau Ma Tei. These theatres have an average audience each evening of about two thousand spectators, and it requires but a short visit to realise that the means of exit provided in the establishments is altogether insufficient. It may perhaps be invoked that, because in Chinese theatres little use is made of inflammable scenery and the accessories and machinery necessary to a European stage, danger of fire in native play-houses is minimised. An excursion into the crowded dressing rooms, lumber rooms and offices, situated at the back of the platform, will enlighten the uninitiated as to the fallacy of this baseless theory. The actors, singers, musicians and their friends are crowded into the most restricted of areas. An agglomeration of wooden and paper accessories, and dowdy costumes are scattered about pell-mell, and in the heterogeneous crowd of artists and hangers-on, who joke and gibe, hustle round and clamour over each other, every second man is smoking. The butt of a cigarette or a discarded match, thrown carelessly away, and falling on some heap of clothing, paper or rubbish would create a flame. The thin, wooden partitions of the cubicles would be almost instantly ignited, and the whole place ablaze in a few minutes. The auditorium of these theatres is almost as dangerous as the actors' quarters. The gallery, benches and flooring are lightly constructed, being of Chinese pine for the most part, and the spectators, packed like herrings in a barrel, smoke to their heart's content during the performance. Only those who have seen a Chinese crowd maddened with terror can realise what would happen in event of an alarm occurring during a performance. To such as have any experience of the screaming, hysterical, panic-stricken Celestial, it requires but slight imagination to conjure up the terrible picture—a living page from Dante's Hades—that would arise did an accident take place. The sad lesson that has been taught us in Chicago should be an example to the authorities in this Colony. It will be next to useless adopting measures once a conflagration or a panic has occurred, for the harm will already have been done. The present dangerous state of the Chinese theatres in this Colony is a crying shame that demands instant remedy, and it is for the Government to see that the necessary precautions are taken immediately. This is not a question, like those, such as the fixity of exchange, the licensing of pilots or the registration of domestic servants, that have been dismissed with an indulgent smile and a graceful wave of the official hand, necessary though their settlement is to the well-being of the majority of the European community. It is a question of vital importance since it touches our responsibility with regard to the lives of a large portion of the Asiatic population of this city, which it is the duty of our legislative powers to safeguard. Continued indifference to the terrible risks that are being run by the densely packed audiences, that nightly attend the native play-houses in this Colony, would be culpable in the extreme. It is only after having assured ourselves of the terrible dangers that exist at present, owing to the defective construction and organisation of these establishments, that we send to those, whose duty it is to prevent a public disaster, this warning cry.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The French mail of the 28th December was delivered in London on the 28th instant.

H.E. MR. F. H. MAY, C.M.G., will distribute the prizes at the Anglo-Chinese District Government Schools on the 1st prox. at noon.

LADY CURZON, accompanied by her two daughters, has left India for Europe by the British India steamer *Thongwa*, which has been specially chartered to convey her Ladyship and party.

CHANG Tse-piao, who has now obtained Portuguese nationality in Shanghai, has been decorated by the Portuguese Court with the First Class Order of Merit.

THE Right Rev. Wm. Ridley, D.D., Bishop of Caledonia, British Columbia, will preach at St. Peter's Church, Queen's Road West, at the morning service (11 o'clock) to-morrow. All are invited.

THE subject matter of the conference of the diplomats at Peking on the 13th instant at the Legation, was the opening of Peking, says the *Shanghai Times*. No definite conclusion has been arrived at.

THE King has not been advised to exercise his power of disallowance with respect to the Ordinance to exempt certain ships from the requirements of section 4 of the Merchant Shipping Consolidation Ordinance, No. 36 of 1899.

CAPTAIN Woltemas of the North German Lloyd steamer *Prin Waldemar* has reported to the acting Harbour Master that on the passage from Banda (Moluccas) to Burlinghien (German New Guinea) in Latitude 1° 2' south, longitude 130° 30' east he passed a dangerous reef. The reef lying in the direction N. N. W. to S. S. E., is about 0.5 mile long and 330 feet broad.

THE French Consul-General at Shanghai had concluded some time ago an agreement with the Director of the Bureau of Mines in the province of Kweichow regarding certain mining concessions in that province. But the Governor having delayed giving his sanction for a long time, the Consul-General wired the other day to the Director accusing him of purposely delaying, and saying that if he could not carry out the agreement more speedily he (the Consul) would move diplomatically through the French Minister to Peking to push on the matter.—*Shanghai Times*.

NATIONAL BANK OF
CHINA, LTD.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The thirteenth ordinary annual general meeting of shareholders in the National Bank of China, Ltd., was held at the offices of the Bank, Victoria Buildings, at noon to-day. There were present:—Messrs. J. Scott Harston (Chairman), Chan Kit Shan, G. C. Moxon, Julius Focke (directors), Geo. W. F. Playfair (chief manager), C. Ewens, E. Kadoorie, P. C. Potts, R. W. Terry, J. Pinckney, Chan Ki, Fung Wa Chun, J. R. Michael and others.

The Chairman said:—Gentlemen, in submitting to you the report and accounts for the past year, which, with your permission, will, as usual, be taken as read, I would point out that our gross profits show an increase. This is all the more satisfactory as the past year showed very heavy fluctuations in exchange following on the decision to rectify the Straits currency and to establish the peso in the Philippines, while the close of the year was darkened by the probabilities of hostilities between two neighbouring Powers, disturbing exchange and making trade difficult and disturbed. You will observe that charges account has increased, but that was inevitable as the falling exchange necessitated our placing the salaries of our European staff on a sterling basis. In other respects the figures in the accounts speak for themselves and do not show much variation from last year. We have written a further \$5,000 off furniture account, which now remains at merely the nominal figure of \$10,000. In the Chairman's speech last year we alluded to the prospect of by one means or another bringing our capital into line with the reduced value of exchange; but heavy fluctuations in the past year still make it difficult for us to formulate a scheme for submission to your approval. We have not lost sight of the matter, however, and hope to refer to it again at the earliest opportunity. I propose to make a few remarks to you in relation to the prospect financial and otherwise. I make these remarks because I think they ought to be made at some public meeting in Hongkong. As you all know it is common talk that Hongkong possesses, and will continue to possess, natural geographical advantages, and that it cannot possess any rival in its own sphere (applause). That is all very well, but it is not an absolutely determining factor. Hongkong must remain a free port. It is a better market or pawn shop for trade; it has no local industries, and is not a producing centre. It is a junction for the re-distribution of trade and traffic cargo in general, and its stability depends upon its ability to attract commerce. It possesses a fine harbour and in the course of the last fifty years it has developed very fine storage capacities. But now its position is threatened by the development of Canton; by the substantial development of Canton. Now, gentlemen, if Canton is properly developed, as it may be by the advantage of the Canton-Hankow railway, which will place it in rapid communication with the northern trade, it will make a very bold bid, and I think it may possibly succeed in wresting from Hongkong the supremacy which it now enjoys. Canton had advantages over Hongkong in several respects; the labour is cheap

there, and the Chinese are free from Sanitary Boards and their restrictions, and this may lead to a possible departure of local trade from Hongkong to Canton. It behoves the leaders in Hongkong to consider, and after due consideration, to take steps to leave Hongkong absolutely free from any attack in that direction.

A shareholder asked if, in view of what the Chairman had said about the trade of Canton, he recommended the bank to open a branch there.

The Chairman:—I am not prepared to deal with the question properly yet. I simply made a few remarks which I think ought to have been made. I now propose the adoption of the report and accounts.

Mr. Ellis Kadoorie seconded and the motion was carried.

DIRECTORS.

The Chairman:—Since the report was issued Mr. G. C. Moxon has been elected a director instead of Mr. Chow Tung Shang. This you are now asked to confirm, and to re-elect Mr. Moxon for the coming term of service. I also propose that the elections of Mr. Harston, Mr. Focke and Mr. Moxon be now confirmed and that Mr. Moxon be re-elected a member of the Hongkong Board and Mr. Stuart Wortley a member of the London Committee.

Mr. T. W. seconded and it was carried.

ADVISOR—COMMITTEE.

It was proposed by the Chairman, "that the place of Mr. William Wolton as a director and member of the London Board or Advisory Committee of Directors, who retire at this meeting under Article 133 be not filled up, and that the London Committee shall be reduced to two instead of three (under Article 137) thus altering the minimum number hitherto authorized by Article 115." He said: You will remember, gentlemen, that this was passed at last meeting, but as our London solicitors were of opinion that notice ought to have been given it has now been brought up again this year and proper notice given both in England and Hongkong.

On Mr. Ewens seconding, the proposal was carried.

AUDITORS.

Mr. P. C. Potts proposed and Mr. Chin Ki seconded, that Mr. P. C. Wilcox and Mr. A. R. Lowe, Chartered Accountants, be re-elected auditors to act jointly or severally at a remuneration of \$300 each, or \$500 for a single audit, also that Messrs. Deloitte, Dever, Griffiths & Co. be re-elected auditors in London at the same remuneration as before.

Carried.

The Chairman:—There is no further business, gentlemen. Dividend warrants will be issued on Monday. Thank you for your attendance.

NORTHERN NOTES.

We take the following from the *Kobe Chronicle* of 22nd inst:—

"There is still no news from Tokyo. It appears that no reply has yet been received from Russia, but that an intimation has been given that a reply is on the way. This is possibly being brought from Nagasaki by an official of the Russian Legation who is now on his return journey to Tokyo."

A meeting of the Privy Council was held on Wednesday, attended by all the Councilors with the exception of Count Kawamura and Viscount Aoki. There were also present Baron Komura, Minister for Foreign Affairs; General Baron Terauchi, Minister for War; Mr. Oura, Minister for Communications; and Admiral Saito, Vice-Minister for the Navy. The meeting lasted from 10 until 12 noon. The business considered was (1) the defence of the coast in case of war; (2) the purchase of a certain line of railway in connection with the transmission of troops; and (3) special rules for the appointment of certain officials in the Department of Communications, as proposed by the Government. All the measures were approved.

A Tokyo dispatch to the *Asahi* states that the matter of the defence of the coast included the laying of torpedoes along the coast in various places, and rules for the control of vessels entering certain ports. This message further states that the railway proposed to be purchased is the Toba line of the Sangu Railway Company, while the special rule considered for the appointment of officials in the Department of Communications referred to the necessity for the completion of the machinery of transmission of troops etc., in time of war. It is further stated that Baron Komura, Minister for Foreign Affairs, reported to the meeting on the progress of the negotiations with Russia since the issue of the urgent Imperial Ordinance on the 28th ultimo. He informed the Privy Councilors of the Russian Reply and the Note in answer thereto; the Notes addressed by the Government to the Powers; and the preparations made for emergency, and also gave the gist of the Russian Notes to the Powers.

The Toba line of the Sangu Railway is seven miles in length from Yamada to Toba, a seaport at the entrance to Owari Bay in Shima province. Recently the Minister of Communications issued an order to the Sangu Railway Company, requesting them to complete the line without delay, at the same time offering a sum of money towards the necessary expense of such completion. The Company has, therefore, been rapidly pushing forward the work. The Government, however, considers that the work done by the company is not being carried on speedily enough, and therefore proposes to purchase the line and complete it under Government control.

The Tokyo newspaper men who have been commissioned by their respective journals and agencies to attend to affairs relating to the crisis visited the War Office in a body on Wednesday and applied for an interview with the Press Censor, Adjutant Murray. They requested that the limit which is now placed upon them in regard to the publication of matters relating to the situation might be withdrawn, contending that the nation is being misled by the continuous publication of telegrams prophesying peace. Mr. Shimizu (*riji*) of the Military Court received the journalists on behalf of the Censor and asked them to observe circumspection and be content with the present restrictions for five or six days longer, when it was possible they might be removed.

A Peking dispatch states that the War Office in Peking has issued further instructions to the Viceroy and Governors-General of various Provinces ordering them to strengthen the coast and river defences.

In reference to the arrival of the French marines in Seoul, the Korean Minister for Foreign Affairs has addressed a Note to the French Minister, asking if this act does not ignore the sovereignty of Korea, as the troops were sent in without any previous notice having been given. The French Minister replied that the French sailors in entering Seoul were only following the example of other Powers in guarding the Levant in time of emergency. The presence of the troops would in no way impair the friendly relations between the two countries.

JOCK TOPICS.

A very heavy mist overhung the course during the earlier part of training operations this morning, neither keen eyes nor binoculars being able to penetrate it. This was unfortunate, as quite a number of quarters was run off, and it was not until about twenty minutes to seven that the fog began to lift. The

ATTENDANCE OF LADIES
was as large as ever, among those present being Mrs. Tooker, Mrs. Goetz, Mrs. Shellim, Mrs. Hinds and Mrs. Dickson.

THE COURSE.

Owing to the heavy mist, the course was sticky and heavy so that the gallops to-day were not so good as would otherwise have been the case. Most of them were done on the outside track, and the time of the various trials were taken as follows:—

Discord (o) 1 mile, last 1/4, 1.46.
Once More (o) 1 mile, 2.31.
Algerine (o) 1 mile, last mile 37 1/2, 1.15, 1.50, 2.22.
Arranpoco (o) went a steady mile in 45, 1.30, 2.05, 2.37.
Nurses, with blinkers, was mounted by Com. Gault, who succeeded in taking him round 3 1/2 times: a gallop, despite the animal's "anti-foreign" reputation. On his next outing he will most certainly show us something good.

Chantiqua (i) 1 mile, last quarter, 34 1/2, 1.10, 1.45 1/2. She finished looking tired.
Fun and Provost went together for a mile, Time 36 1/2, 1.17, 1.49, 2.24.
Rebel King, 1 1/2 mile, last 1/4 in 35, 1.10, 1.45 1/2.

Rare Rose (o) 1 1/2 mile, last 1/4 34, 1.10, 1.45, 1 missed Crow and Vancouver.
Rocket (o) 1 mile, 34, 1.07, 1.40 1/2, 2.6.
Northern Rose (o) 1 mile, 37, 1.11, 2.20 1/2.
Polka and Rex, 1 1/2 mile, last mile 40 1/2, 1.21, (2), 2.30.

The Elder and the Baillie, 1 mile, 35, 1.08, 1.44, 2.21.
Lord Algy and Bonzoline, 1 mile, 37, 1.17 1/2, 1.55, 2.30.
Manila and Tai Yut, 1 1/2 mile, 45 1/2, 1.29, 2.14, 2.51 1/2, 3.22.

Quebec, 1 1/2 mile, last 1/4 mile taken, 40, 1.18, 1.54, 2.33, (3), 3.40.
Persistence and Good-bye, 1 mile 42 1/2, 1.12, 1.49 1/2, 2.2 1/2.
Ca Canny and Borderline, 1 mile 33 1/2, 1.07 1/2, 1.42, reported 2.14 1/2.

La France Rose, 1 1/2 mile, 44, 1.23, 1.56, 2.30, 3.10, 3.43.
Coronet Rose and Mignonette Rose, 1 1/2 mile, 37, 1.10, 1.45, 2.19 1/2, 2.53 1/2.
Pink Rose and Retaliator, 1 mile, 36 1/2, 1.12 1/2, 1.48, 2.24 1/2.

Sylph Rose, 1 1/2 mile, 37 1/2, 1.12 1/2, 1.48, 2.25, 3.02.
Aladdin and Starling, 1 1/2, 37, 1.15, 2.29 1/2, 3.05 1/2, 3.42, 3.2 1/2.
Turbine and Fair Trade missed.

Culex, 1 mile, 44, 1.21 1/2, 1.59, 2.35 1/2.
Dormouse and a stable companion, 1 mile, 36 1/2, 1.13 1/2, 1.51, 2.24 1/2.
Hazard and Zagloba, 1 mile, 37 1/2, 1.16 1/2, 1.54, 2.26 1/2.

Reed Doone and Havers, 1 mile, 34, 1.07 1/2, 1.44, 2.21 1/2.
Standard and another, 1 mile, last 1/4, 38 1/2, 1.15 1/2, 1.48.

Emigrant and Modesty, 1 1/2 mile, 35, 1.15, 1.51, 2.37, 3.10 1/2.
Clifton and Regret, 1 1/2 mile, last 1/4, 39 1/2, 1.16 1/2, 1.54 1/2, 3.09.
Pomelo and Mongoose, 1 mile, 36, 1.15, 1.57, 2.38.

Peche, 1 mile, 39, 1.15, 1.57, 2.26 1/2.
Fiscal, 1 mile, 37, 1.16 1/2, 1.49, 2.20 1/2.
Liberty Rose, Eclipse and Serious raced 1 mile in 35, 1.08 1/2, 1.42 1/2, coming home in this order.

Zufall, 1 mile, 38 1/2, 1.16, 1.52, 2.27.
Lumberer, Needy and Green Skin, 1 mile, last 1/4, 35, 1.12, 1.47.
Go Bang and Colonist raced for 1 1/2 mile. Last 1/4, 42 1/2, 1.19 1/2, 1.51 1/2. Colonist came in ahead.

Bunder, 1 mile, 33 1/2, 1.12, 1.50, 2.25.
Jigoku, 1 mile, 39, 1.17, 1.55, 2.28.
Mountaineer (i) 1 1/2 mile, 3.40.
Testum (i) 1 mile, 2.25.
Alarm and Sentry I missed.

School Girl went for a mile and finished strong in 2.03 1/2.
Ichiban and Remnant. Last 1/4 taken 1.33.
EARLY BIRD.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not necessarily endorse the opinions expressed by Correspondents in this column.)

BOXING TOURNAMENT.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE "HONGKONG TELEGRAPH." SIR,—Having heard rumours that some evil disposed person or persons are spreading a report to the effect that the management of the Boxing Tournament held on 9th January at the City Hall, did not pay full purses to the men who contested, the said management would be obliged if you would insert this letter in your widely read paper emphatically and publicly denying this malicious rumour, and that if the person or persons should give a hint as to their identity legal proceedings would be taken against them. As a matter of fact all men who competed were awarded the full purses as soon as the bouts were finished. Hoping you will be able to insert this.—We are, etc.,
THE MANAGEMENT.
29th January, 1904.

CRICKET.

LEAGUE TABLE.

Clubs.	Played.	Won.	Lost.	Drawn.	Points.
A. O. C.	11	10	1	0	30
Civil Service	9	7	1	1	22
Craigengowerro	5	3	2	0	17
R. E.	8	4	4	0	12
H.M. S. Tamar	2	2	0	0	6
H.K.C.C. "A"	8	2	6	0	6
R. A. M. C.	8	1	6	1	4
Parsees	7	1	6	0	3

3 points for a win.
1 for a draw.

TELEGRAM.

"HONGKONG TELEGRAPH"
SERVICE.

SIAMEN THREATENED.

INCENDIARY PLACARDS.

MOB TO BURN AND SLAY.

(From Our Correspondent.)

CANTON, 30th January.

8.20 p.m.

Great excitement was caused this morning when it was discovered that, during the night placards had been posted throughout city, calling on all Chinese inhabitants to attack and burn Shanghai and kill the European residents. The date fixed for the outbreak is indicated for Thursday next. The Foreign Consuls have approached the Viceroy requesting him to take the necessary precautions to prevent a rising. One of the placards was posted on the walls of the Customs House.

ANOTHER BLAZE IN THE CITY.

THIS MORNING.

Clouds of dense smoke rising above the houses this morning in the vicinity of the Harbour Office attracted a large crowd of natives to Des Voeux Road where a three-storied house was found to be in flames. The alarm was given shortly before twelve o'clock, and the Brigade was quickly at the scene of the fire, which was found to be in No. 264, Des Voeux Road, occupied by the Quan Yi Hing firm and the Quan Tai firm, carrying on business as general merchants, besides having an agency for the Imperial Fire Insurance Company. The floating fire engine was requisitioned, and the firemen were able to direct many jets of water into the burning house, which was well alight in the upper stories where the outbreak seems to have originated. The premises extend back into Wing Lok Street, so that the brigade was able to get ladders and hoses to work on both sides of the building. By about one o'clock the fire was checked, but not before the brigade had experienced considerable difficulty in preventing the flames spreading to No. 266, occupied by the Tai Hing Wo. A large quantity of flour and crackers was stored in No. 264, and it is reported that the outbreak originated among the latter. Particulars regarding insurance were not obtainable at the time of writing.

RE-NAMING CITY ROADS.

It is notified in the *Gazette* that the following alterations in the names of roads in the City of Victoria are about to be made:—

Upper Richmond Road to be changed to Robinson Road; that part of Robinson Road west of its junction with Upper Richmond Road to be changed to Park Road; Lower Richmond Road to Lyttelton Road; the path or road which runs westward from Robinson Road round "Edenhall" and "Ingleswood" residences and then southward across Lower Richmond Road into Upper Richmond Road, to Babington Path; the path or road which runs southward from the same point in Robinson Road as above described, past "Oaklands" residence to Lower Richmond Road, to Oaklands Path; and Richmond Terrace, to Park View.

S. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL SERVICE.

SEPTUAGESIMA SUNDAY

The following will be the order of service to-morrow:—
Holy Communion (7.30 a.m.); Matins (11 a.m.). Responses: Tallis. Venite: Macfarren. Psalms: Woodward, Crotch and Woodward. Te Deum: R. Smart in C. Benedictus: Goss in E. Anthem: "O give thanks unto the Lord"—R. Smart. Hymn: 498. Offertory Hymn: 228.

EVENSONG (5.45 P.M.)

Responses: Tallis. Psalms: Turton, Turle Rimbault and Humphreys. Magnificat: Trent in A flat. Nunc Dimittis: Wallace in E. Hymns: 83, 170 and 423. Vesper Hymn: Ward (No. 1).

THE *Tung Wen Hu Pao* hears that lately there was a movement on foot for the establishment of girls' schools. The Viceroy Tsen Chun Huan heartily endorsed the object of the promoters, stating that such institutions form one of the potent factors of foreign progress and civilization and are to be found in several of the provinces. In conclusion, he hoped that the rules and regulations might be carefully compiled and sent in at an early date by the Liang-Kuang Educational Department.

SHIPPING AND MAILS.

MAILS DUE.
English (*Chuan*) to-morrow.
American (*Siberia*) 1st prox.
German (*Sachsen*) 2nd prox.
Indian (*S*

TELEGRAMS.

(Continued.)

Mr. Akers Douglas at Swansea.

LONDON, 28th January.
Mr. Akers Douglas at Swansea said the Government would continue to do all in their power, legitimately, to promote a peaceful settlement of the difficulty between Japan and Russia; but if their hopes were disappointed, they would fulfil to the letter treaty obligations to their allies.

LATER.

Russia and Japan.

The Grand Duke Alexis-Alexandrovitch yesterday presided at a special Council in St. Petersburg which was attended by Count Lamsdorf, the Ministers for War and Marine, the Chief of the Army Staff and others.

The Council lasted one hour and a half. It is officially announced that the object of the Council was to find a means for a peaceful settlement of the dispute with Japan. It is expected that the Grand Duke Alexis will frame a report, which will be submitted to the Emperor to-day, and the reply to Japan will probably be despatched on Saturday.

(Japanese Exchange.)
Opinion at Peking.

Peking, 20th January.

The Chinese Government have decided to declare the neutrality of this side of the Liao-ho and Kinchow in case of hostilities between Russia and Japan and to station troops in these districts to prevent disturbances. It is, however, believed that the whole of Manchuria will be involved when hostilities break out. The Russian soldiers at Tientsin and Peking are being withdrawn to Port Arthur and Incho. The reason of this withdrawal is believed to be an order of Viceroy Alexieff, who requires them for the formation of some large battalions of troops. A detachment of eighty men is shortly expected to arrive at Peking to relieve the Legation guards there. The Peking diplomats believe that the audience of Mr. Kurino, Japanese Minister to St. Petersburg, with the Czar will mark the end of the negotiations, as war is inevitable.

A Strategist's Warnings.

London, 19th January.

General Juchoff, the great Russian strategist, is engaged upon an exhaustive analysis of Russia's military and naval strength. He strongly recommends caution and delay before undertaking hostilities.

An Alleged Scandal.

Cheloo, 19th January.

Lieut. General Workoff and three other members of a Committee appointed by Viceroy Alexieff to inspect the provisions and munitions of war at Port Arthur, have laid a report before the Viceroy. They stated that one half of the provisions and munitions of war were useless. The Viceroy summoned Major-General Rokasieff, officer in charge of provisions and munitions, and reprimanded him. Major-General Grinsky was ordered to relieve the former officer.

British Sympathy Explained.

London, 19th January.

The Times declares, editorially, that British sympathy is entirely with Japan in the present difficulties, as Japan is supporting Anglo-Saxon ideals against a power which is opposed to them.

Alleged Russian Negotiations with the Powers.

NO INTERVIEW DESIRED.

Berlin, 20th January.

Russia does not desire any intervention by other powers with regard to the dispute with Japan. The Russian Ministers to Paris and Berlin have been very busy of late, and it is believed that the Russian Government are about to enter into an agreement with Japan, and that they also propose to open negotiations with the powers at the same time.

BELLIOS PUBLIC SCHOOL.

PRIZE PRESENTATION.

Mrs. May attended at the Bellios Public School this morning, and presented the prizes to the scholars. She was accompanied by Capt. M. R. Hu ley, aide-de-camp to H.E. the Officer Administering the Government, and by the time they arrived at the school the bright class rooms were crowded with visitors. One of the little mites having welcomed Mrs. May on behalf of the Head Mistress (Mrs. Bateman) and the members of the school, the girls were put through a course of physical exercises after which the awards were presented.

Mrs. May said:—It has given me great pleasure to come here to-day to present the prizes. The report seems to indicate a very satisfactory state of things; and that the school should show so marked an increase in spite of increased fees and the competition of other schools is indeed satisfactory. As regards the Chinese girls in the vernacular school I am fully in sympathy with the experiment alluded to in Mrs. Bateman's report—I mean the encouragement of the girls from the vernacular school to compete their studies in the English school. I congratulate the girls who have won scholarships, and I wish Mrs. Bateman, her staff, and all the children a very happy holiday (Applause).

Mr. E. A. Irving (Inspector of Schools) said he felt that he need add very little to the comments of Mrs. May regarding the report, although he might state in his humble way, that he fully endorsed them all. That the school should not only have kept up its numbers, but have increased them by 14 per cent showed that it was in a very healthy condition. Beside the matter of increased fees, the school suffered from the competition of other schools, which had arisen, and which offered advantages to special sections of the community. In particular, he men-

tioned the Kowloon School, and said he could not refrain from expressing his admiration at what he called the altruism of Mrs. Bateman, who had parted with many of her best scholars without a sigh or, if with a sigh, a very small one. As regarded the education, in English, of the girls of the Chinese school, he felt that a word of acknowledgment was due to Miss Bateman for the able way in which she had furthered that object. Her pupils had, in a short time, reached to a considerable measure of knowledge in English, and this in spite of the fact that Miss Bateman had been hampered in several ways during her year's work. As an instance, he mentioned the fact that, for a portion of the time, a member of the staff had to be seconded upon other duties, which threw an additional class on Miss Bateman's hands. But he alluded specially to the outrage which incapacitated her from duty during a part of last term. He was glad to say that she was completely recovered from its effects, and was pleased to hear that not only had the stolen property been recovered, but the miscreants themselves had been 'recovered,' and were now paying the penalty of their villany. Preceding Mr. Irving craved their pity for a moment while he bowed before the time-honoured custom of such gatherings as that, and presented the rising generation with some suggestion for the better guidance of its conduct in the future. He then directed the scholars' attention to the old maxim "Hard work brings success," and said that such was not always the case. Sometimes success might come without hard work, and therefore, he asked them to consider how the maxim would read transposed. "Success brings hard work." He said that it was no empty paradox, but a fact which they might verify for themselves. As an instance, he said which soldier and which civilian were they who during the late war, worked harder than any? Not the private in the ranks nor the clerk in the dockyard, though they worked very hard. If he had to guess he would say the hardest workers of all were the men whose success had already brought them to the top of the tree—Lord Kitchener and Mr. Chamberlain. And if they considered the highest example of all. It was not hard work, he said, that brought King Edward to the throne. But how much spare time did they think he had? Well, might their national song put the words into the mouth of King Henry, "Unhappy lies the head that wears a crown." And therefore, when he considered the innumerable calls upon her time they must, with great heartiness, tender their thanks to the lady who had lengthened a long day's work by attending at the school to distribute the prizes. (Applause).

Little Miss Kitty Hung then presented Mrs. May with a basket of flowers, and the proceedings terminated with the saying of the National Anthem.

Following is the List of Prizes:—

ENGLISH DIVISION.

Class I.—1, Elia Hyndman; 2, Mary Peterson; Special diligence, Ida Noma; Needlework, Annie Leabird.
Class II.—1, Florence Joseph; 2, Marian Alaraki; Needlework, Agnes Law.
Class III.—1, May Kin; 2, Ah Ching; Needlework, Olive Lu Chooey.
Class IV.—1, Agnes Lee; 2, Annie Olson; Needlework, Mary Lindbloom.

JUNIOR DIVISION.

Class I.—1, Ah Yik; Needlework, Grace Ablong.
Class II.—1, Lo Lai Wah; 2, Ah Ngo.
Class III.—1, Nellie Kaye; 2, Ebrahim Ahmet; Needlework, Kitty Hung.
Class IV.—1, Leung Lai Chan; 2, Ou Wai G.
Class V.—1, Zaba Alaraki; 2, Abu Moosa.
Class VI.—1, Alec Aludee; 2nd, Lucy Watson.
Proficiency in English:—1, Mei Ngo; 2, Li Kwai Yuk; 3, Li Yut Ha; 4, Lo Yün.

Good Attendance medals and certificates:—Elia Hyndman, Mary Peterson, Esther Noma, Florence Joseph, Marian Alaraki, Sophie Joseph, May Hu, Ah Ching, Lily Rose, Olive Lu Chooey, Arthur Kaye, Ah Yik, Abdulah Sauny, Mustapha Moosa, Mei Ngo, Kitty Hung, Clara Lee, Ah Mui, Ebrahim Ahmet, Zaba Alaraki, Ebrahim Alaraki.
Drill:—Seniors, Ida Noma; Juniors, Kitty Hung.

Embroidery:—1, Li Kwai Yuk; 2, Sut Ying.
CHINESE DIVISION.

Class VII.—1, Li Mei Yuk, Tsang Li Shim; Class VI, Li Hung, Wan Ying Tung; Class V, Kwun Yau, Wong Sai Min; Class IV, Ng Sin Yau, Tso Chuk Chau; Class III, Chan Po Chan, Lung Ioi Ho; Class II, Ko Tsui Lau, Mak Wo; Class I, Ho Tsin Ngo, Ng So.

Embroidery:—Class VII, Yuk Mei Li; VI, Li Hung; V, Kwan Yee Yau; IV, Ng Lin Yau; III, Chan Po Chau; II, Mak Wo; I, Wong Kwai.

Mrs. Bateman wishes to express her sincere thanks to the following generous donors of prizes:—

Sir W. M. G. dman, Sir Paul Chater, Hon. C. W. Dickson, Hon. A. W. Brewin, Hon. Dr. Ho Kai, Rev. F. T. Johnson, Messrs. W. G. Humphreys, S. Arnold, G. Murray Bain, J. H. Cox, Duncan Clark, Victor Deacon, Gaupp and Co., H. Humphreys, Kelly and Walsh, Fung Wa Chun, Chau Fat, Hughes and Hough, W. B. Dixon, D. Macdonald, E. Mitchell W. Smith, Ho Tung, Ho Book, Lau Chu Pak, Lau Wei Chun, C. A. Tomes, J. Goosman, Cart. Goddard, Lock Hing, Bee Woon, Chang Ching, David Sassoon, Dodwell and Co., J. Whalley, Dr. Fred Kew, Andrew Forbes, and H. B. Mitchell.

COMMERCIAL.

WEEKLY SHARE REPORT.

Messrs. Benjamin, Kelly and Potts, writing yesterday, state:—

Not much business has been transacted during the week under review and there are very few changes to report. We are advised by wire that the settlement in Shanghai has passed off very well.

The Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company, Limited, has advertised its twentieth ordinary annual meeting of shareholders for

the 6th February, the transfer books closing from the 3rd to 6th proximo, both days inclusive.

The seventy-fifth ordinary half-yearly meeting of shareholders in the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company, Limited, is fixed for the 6th February. The transfer books will be closed from the 2nd instant to the 6th proximo, both days inclusive.

The Humphreys Estate and Finance Company, Limited, has given notice of its eighteenth ordinary annual general meeting of shareholders to be held on the 10th February. The transfer books will be closed from the 3rd to 10th proximo, inclusive.

Banks.—Hongkong and Shanghai Banks have ruled steady at \$645. The London quotation is \$62. Nationals are unchanged with buyers at \$55.

Marine Insurances.—Unions have been booked at \$490, and are still to be had at the figure.

Fire Insurances.—Hongkong Fires are wanted at \$300. China Fires can be placed at \$92.

Shipping.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboats have found buyers at \$314. In their report dated the 25th instant, the directors state that the earnings of Company's steamers during the six months ending 31st December, 1903, show a heavy falling off as compared with those of the same period in 1902. This is owing to the increasing keen competition the company has to contend against on all the routes run over by its steamers, necessitating a further considerable reduction of rates since the date of the last report. The net profits on working, including \$25,552.90 brought forward from last account and \$50,000 transferred from the equalization of dividend fund, amount to \$161,538.86 from which sum the directors recommend the payment of the usual dividend of \$14 per share to shareholders leaving a balance of \$41,538.86 to be carried forward to new profit and loss account. Indo-Chinas are in demand at \$73 and sales at \$75. 52 are reported in the North. The withdrawal from the Hongkong-Manila run of the T. K. K. steamers has caused a boom in China and Manila. The stock has jumped to \$20 at which price business has been done. Douglas Steamships have advanced to \$31, and Shell Transports are asked for at \$14 the dividend of one shilling for 1903. Sales of Shanghai Tugs have been effected at \$15.40 for ordinary and \$15.45 for preference shares. There is no news to report respecting other stocks under this head.

Refineries.—China Sugars have been the medium of a fair business both for cash and on time, and as high as \$107 has been paid for shares, but towards the close the market is somewhat weaker at \$106.

Mining.—Chinese Engineerings have been parted with at the reduced rate of \$15.50. Sales of Kaubs at \$6 have taken place.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns.—Hongkong and Whampoa Docks continue steady at \$209. Farmanhas have recovered to \$125 and are in request at the rate. Hongkong Wharves have also slightly improved and there are inquiries at \$125. 200. Kowloon Wharves have changed ownership and more shares are wanted at \$95.

Lands, Hotels and Buildings.—Hongkong Lands are quiet at \$50 ex the dividend of \$6 paid on the 28th instant. Shanghai Lands are in demand at \$110. The company has declared a final dividend of \$13 and a bonus of \$15. 2 per share. West Points have buyers at \$55 ex the dividend of \$170 paid yesterday. Other stocks in this section are without business.

Cotton Mills.—Quotations for Shanghai Mills are just the same as last reported. Hongkong Cottons have weakened and are on offer at \$15.

Cigar Companies.—Sumatras have sold at \$15. 52.

Miscellaneous.—Green Island Cements can be placed at \$25. A. S. Watsons are quiet at \$144 and Watkins have improved at \$5.4 with buyers at the rate. The Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Company's report and statement of accounts to 31st December, 1903, show a net profit of \$123,395.13 which it is proposed to appropriate as follows:—To place to Reserve Fund \$15,000, to pay a dividend of \$10 per share (absorbing \$100,000) and to carry forward \$8,395.13. William Powells have been bought and have further buyers at \$5.1 Langkats are obtainable at \$15. 295.

YARN MARKET.

Messrs. Cawajee Pallanjee & Co., in their report dated 29th inst., state:—During the interval under review, satisfactory accounts have continued to be received from the interior and the consuming districts which induced the dealers as well as speculators to appear in the market and notwithstanding the regular supplies rates of certain spinnings have been pushed up from two to three dollars per bale on last mail's quotations, whilst nearly all the threads have gained from five cents to two dollars per bale. The fall in the rate of Exchange had also the effect of bringing forward speculators in the market who made purchases simply to re-sell their dealings in future at an advance. Importers at present are free sellers. The market crosses firm and transactions reported being varied and extensive. A good business is reported in Nos. 203 at an advance of \$1 to \$1 per bale. Selected threads of No. 165 changed hands at current rates or a trifle better. Prices of No. 125 show an improvement of \$2 to \$3 per bale and are moving freely. As usual the bulk of the business was done in No. 205 and are still in request at present ruling rates, that is \$2 to \$4 above the last mail's prices. No. 85 are not inquired for. A few of the selected threads of No. 65 were sold at last mail's prices. Sales during the past fortnight comprise about 150 bales of No. 65; 3,025 bales of No. 105; 975 bales of No. 125; 525 bales of No. 165; and 2,025 bales of No. 205—in all about 7,600 bales. Arrivals per steamers *Malta, Bombay Maru, Lightning* and *Kunwang* of about 5,000 bales. Shipments to Shanghai and the Northern Ports amount to about 2,500 bales. The unsold stock is estimated at about 37,000 bales.

Local Production.—No business is reported. Japanese Yarn.—About 1,850 bales changed hands at \$130 to \$137 per bale.

Exchange.—Showed various fluctuations and business was done on India at Rs. 132 per cent London 15. 9 1/2 (lowest rates). We quote on India at Rs. 133 1/2 per cent. London 15. 9 1/2.

FORTNIGHTLY MARKET REPORT.

Indian Cotton.—Market ruled very weak. Importers showed anxiety to part even at a sacrifice of \$1 to \$2 per picul; no Chinese purchaser came forward to purchase. It is reported that about 1,000 bales have been sold to the Local Mill at \$28 to \$27 per picul. The unsold stock is estimated at about 1,300 bales.

Chinese Cotton.—In sympathy with the Indian commodity prices have declined and sales are reported of a out 300 packages at \$32 to \$30 per picul. The unsold stock is estimated at about 340 bales.

Indian Yarn.—The fluctuations in the rate of exchange and the Chinese demand made importers firmer, and prices have advanced from one dollar to three all round. Sales of about 2,600 bales are reported, leaving unsold stock about 37,000 bales.

Local Yarn.—No sales are reported.

Japanese Yarn.—About 1,800 bales changed hands at \$130 to \$137 per bale.

Malwa Opium.—Throughout the fortnight ruled steady and sales are reported of New about 35 chests at \$900.—Old about 78 chests at \$960 to \$990.—Older about 70 chests at \$1,000 to \$1,020.—Oldest about 20 chests at \$1,040 per picul; in all about 203 chests. The unsold stock is estimated at about 1,200 chests.

Bengal Opium.—During the fortnight a varied and extensive fluctuation in prices in this opium took place, and sales are reported of Patna about 350 chests at \$1,260 to \$1,305, and Benares about 55 chests at \$1,255 to \$1,305. The unsold stock is about 1,350 chests.

Persian Opium.—Sales of only 35 chests at \$90 per picul is reported. The unsold stock is about 1,700 chests.

Miscellaneous quotations:—(Prices per picul)

Cawabaz	...	...	\$141
Crabapples	...	...	18 to 5 20
Sandwood Oil	...	...	375 to 400
Cassia Oil	...	...	170
Rose Oil	...	...	75 to 170
Fennel Seed Oil	...	...	300 to 320
Ivory	...	...	300 to 800
Campior (Chinese)	...	...	98
Cloves	...	...	20 to 25
Saltpetre	...	...	10 to 12
Wax (Japan)	...	...	45 to 49
Tin Leaves	...	...	107
Apricots	...	...	25 to 28
Senna Leaves	...	...	3 to 6
Borax	...	...	17 to 19
Olibanum	...	...	5 to 16
Caraway	...	...	5
Sandwood	...	...	28 to 32
Iran	...	...	3 to 4
Sugarandy	...	...	10 to 11
Kismis	...	...	18 to 19
Galangal	...	...	4 to 6
Vermilion	...	...	87 to 89
Glue	...	...	25 to 27

TO-DAY'S EXCHANGE.

Selling.

London—Bank T.T.	...	1/9 1/2
Do. demand	...	1/9 1/2
Do. 4 months' sight	...	1/9 1/2
France—Bank T.T.	...	2/6 1/2
America—Bank T.T.	...	43 1/2
Germany—Bank T.T.	...	184 1/2
India T.T.	...	133 1/2
Do. demand	...	133 1/2
Shanghai—Bank T.T.	...	Nominal
Japan—Bank T.T.	...	89 1/2
Singapore—Bank T.T.	...	Nominal
Java—Bank T.T.	...	108 1/2

Buying.

4 months' sight L/C.	...	1/10 1/2
6 months' sight L/C.	...	1/10 3/4
30 days' sight San Francisco & New York	...	44 1/2
3 months' sight do.	...	45 1/2
30 days' sight Sydney and Melbourne	...	1/10 5/16
3 months' sight France	...	2 3/4
6 months' sight do.	...	2 3/4
4 months' sight Germany	...	184 1/2
Far Silver	...	25 1/2
Bank of England rate	...	4 1/2

OPIUM QUOTATIONS.

To-day's quotations are as follows:—		Per chest
Malwa New	@	900/920
1st Year	@	950/990
Oldest	@	1,000/1,060
Tatna New	@	125
Bejares New	@	125
Persian (Paper)	@	88. 950

To-day's Advertisements.

QUEEN'S COLLEGE.

HIS EXCELLENCY MR. FRANCIS H. MAY, C.M.G., The Officer Administering the Government, will preside at the PRIZE DISTRIBUTION at the above Government Institution on TUESDAY Next, February 2nd, at NOON. All interested in education are cordially invited.

GEO. H. BATESON WRIGHT,
D. D. Oxon,
Head Master.
Hongkong, 30th January, 1904. [195]

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

NOTICE.

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"NIPPON MARU" are hereby notified that their Goods having been transferred to the S.S. "SHAWMUT" have reached this Port, and are at their risk being discharged into Lighters and/or landed into the Godowns Nos. 1 and 2, Kennedy Town, (Marine Lot 243), and delivery may be had either taken from Lighters or from our Godowns upon countersignature of Bills of Lading.

Goods remaining unclaimed after the 5th February will be subject to rent. All Claims must be sent in to me on or before the 8th February or they will not be recognised.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.
H. E. BURKE,
For Agent.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1904.

To-day's Advertisements.



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1ST NIGHT.—SPIKE EMMERTON (of "OCEAN") versus DICK CRANE (of "VENGEANCE") will go 20 Rounds for a Purse and the Featherweight Championship of China Station, Runner up of Heavyweight Competition.

J. Morgan (of "Vengeance") versus Holmes. R.M.L.I. (of "Thetis") to Rounds.

Mickey Lacey (Banham Champion) versus H. Bull (Derbyshire Regt.) to Rounds.

Gaylor, L.S. (of Albion) versus Terry Armstrong (of "Vengeance") 6 Rounds.

Sto. Hyng (of "Vengeance") versus Be field (of "Albion").

2ND NIGHT.—DRUMMOND (of "THETIS") versus Murry (of "Albion") to Rounds.

J. Crawley (of "Gloria") versus Punch Fowler (of "Thetis") 6 Rounds.

Bodger Bacon (of Derbyshire Regt.) versus Bergin (of "Tamar") 8 Rounds.

G. Turner (of "Albion") versus A. Franks (of "Vengeance") 10 Rounds.

Holmes (of "Waterwitch") versus Osborne. R.M.L.I. (of "Vengeance") 6 Rounds.

The following well known men will also appear:—W. Thompson (Welterweight Champion), J. Davies (of "Ocean"), Harry Fox, Phil Thomas, &c.

The Full Band of H.M.S. "Vengeance" under the direction of Signor Carlo Guiotti will play selections during intervals. By the kind permission of Capt. Leslie C. Stuart, C.M.G., M.V.O., R.N., and Officers of H.M.S. "Vengeance."

Prices.—\$1, \$2, \$3, a limited number of Stage tickets will be issued at \$5.

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Tickets may be obtained from Messrs. Robinson's, The Comptroller, City Hall, and Naval Canton.

W. J. MANSEY, H. GOW,
Promoter. General Manager.
Hongkong, 30th January, 1904. [117]

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FROM	STEAMERS	DUE
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GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PAKLING"	On 12th February.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"IDOMENEUS"	On 20th February.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"AGAMEMNON"	On 22nd February.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"MENELAUS"	On 27th February.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"RHIPHEUS"	On 4th March.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"MACHAON"	On 5th March.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"TELEMACHUS"	On 12th March.

S.S. "GLAUCUS" left Singapore 28th inst. and is due here 3rd February.

HOMEWARDS.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
LONDON & ANTWERP	"NESTOR"	On 5th February.
LONDON & ANTWERP	"KINTUCK"	On 16th February.
GENOA, MARSEILLES & L'POOL	"KEEMUN"	On 22nd February.
LONDON & ANTWERP	"MOYUNE"	On 1st March.
LONDON & ANTWERP	"GLAUCUS"	On 15th March.
GENOA, MARSEILLES & L'POOL	"AJAX"	On 20th March.
LONDON & ANTWERP	"PAKLING"	On 29th March.

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MANILA	"WHAMPOA"	1st "
	"CHIRLI"	3rd "
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cabin and servant), \$3; Return Ticket, \$5.
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Single Ticket, \$2; Return Ticket, \$3. Return
Ticket including Tiffin and Dinner either on
Board or at Macao Hotel, \$5. On Sundays,
\$5 extra will be charged for each cabin with
accommodations for two or more passengers.WHARF—At the Western end of Wing Lok
Street.The Steamer runs an Excursion Trip EVERY
SUNDAY. It takes only 3 1/2 hours to reach
Macao.

MING ON & CO.,

2nd Floor, No. 16, Victoria Street.
Hongkong, 5th January, 1904.

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FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND POOCHOW.

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"HAICHING,"

Captain Hodgins, will be despatched for the
above Ports, TO-MORROW, the 31st instant,
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For Freight or Passage, apply to

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General Managers.

Hongkong, 30th January, 1904.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA.

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"LOONGSANG,"

Captain G. S. Weigall, will be despatched as
above, on TUESDAY, the 2nd February,
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for First Class Passengers, and is fitted through-
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Hongkong, 28th January, 1904.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION
COMPANY, LIMITED.FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND
CALCUTTA.

THE Company's Steamship

"KUMSANG,"

Captain Buller, will be despatched as above
on WEDNESDAY, the 3rd February, at 2 P.M.
For Freight or Passage, apply toJARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
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Hongkong, 29th January, 1904.

"SHIRE" LINE.

FOR HAVRE, LONDON, ANTWERP
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"RADNORSHIRE,"

Captain C. H. Burch, on or about FRIDAY,
the 5th February, 1904.These Steamers have Superior Accommoda-
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SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
Agents.

Hongkong, 29th January, 1904.

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1904.

About

5th Feb.

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1st Mar.

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toDODWELL & Co., LIMITED,
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Hongkong, 28th January, 1904.

Shipping—Steamer.

"GLEN" LINE OF STEAMSHIPS.

FOR LONDON.

THE Steamship

"GLENLOCHY,"

Captain Stallard, will be despatched as above
on TUESDAY, the 2nd February, 1904.For Freight, apply to
MCGREGOR BROS. & GOW,
Agents.

Hongkong, 18th January, 1904.

THE WEATHER.

The following report is from Mr. F. G. Figg
acting Director of the Hongkong Obser-
vatory:—On the 30th at 11.50 a.m. The barometer has
fallen over Japan, risen over the E. coast of
China.A shallow area of low pressure, which passed
over the E. coast of China last evening, has
reached W. Japan this morning.Pressure is again high over Central China.
The monsoon will freshen in the Formosa
Channel during the next 24 hours. Strong
monsoon over the China Sea.

Forecast:—N.E. winds, freshening; fair.

Barometer Jan. 29 at 10 a.m. Jan. 30 at 4 p.m.

Thermometer 30.23 30.09

Hygrometer 65 67

Rainfall 69 63

China Coast Meteorological Register.

January 30th, 1904, a.m.

Bar. Th. Hu. Wind Wr.

Vladivostok 7 a.m. 30.17 10 55 N 2 or

Nemuro 5 a.m. 30.24 — — — —

Hakodate 30.25 — — — —

Tokio 30.22 — — — —

Kochi 30.07 — — — —

Nagasaki 30.11 — — — —

Kagoshima 30.11 — — — —

Oshima 30.08 — — — —

Naha 30.09 — — — —

Ishigakijima 30.09 — — — —

Taihoku 30.17 — — — —

Taichu 30.12 — — — —

Tainan 30.09 — — — —

Koshun 30.09 — — — —

Pescadore 30.13 — — — —

Weihaiwei 9 a.m. 30.34 29 — —

Guttsan 30.35 31 — —

Sharp Peak 30.34 34 — —

Amoy 6.30 a.m. 30.20 38 — —

Swatow 9 a.m. 30.21 63 — —

Canton 10 a.m. 30.23 60 — —

Victoria Peak 30.13 — — — —

Gap Rock 30.21 64 — —

Vancou 30.21 64 — —

Haiphong 30.13 — — — —

Manila 30.13 — — — —

Iloilo 30.87 80 — —

Cebu 30.91 80 — —

St. James 10 a.m. — — — —

Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Returns.

Paul Beau 30.13 — — — —

Ellen Rickmers 30.13 — — — —

Perla 30.13 — — — —

Tartar 30.13 — — — —

H.I.G.M.S. Moewe 30.13 — — — —

H.M.S. Virago 30.13 — — — —

H.M.S. Glory 30.13 — — — —

Vigilant 30.13 — — — —

Chihli 30.13 — — — —

Triton 30.13 — — — —

Pitsanulok 30.13 — — — —

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PRICES.

Corrected 29th January, 100 cts. per \$ Mex

BUTCHER MEAT.

Beef sirloin & prime cut—Mei Lung Pa 17

Canned—Ham Yuk 17

Roast—Shiu 17

Breast—Ngau Lam 17

Soup, Tong Yuk 17

Steak—Ngau Yuk Pa 17

Sausages—Ngau Yuk Chung 17

Rullock's Brains—Know per set 17

Tongue fresh—Ngau Li 17

Canned—Ham Ngau Li 17

Head—Ngau Tau 17

Hump, Salt—Ngau Kin 17

Feet—Ngau Kerk 17

Kidneys—Ngau Yiu 17

Tail—Ngau Yiu 17

Liver—Ngau Yiu 17

Tripe (undressed)—Ngau To 17

Calves' Head and Feet—Ngau-chai-
tau-keok 17

Mutton Chop—Yeung Pai Kw 17

Leg—Yeung Pei 17

Shoulder—Yeung Shau 17

Pigs' Chitlings—Cheng Cheung 17

Brains—Chi Know 17

Feet—Chi Kerk 17

Fry—Chi Chak 17

Head—Chi Tau 17

Heart—Chi Sum 17

Kidneys—Chi Yiu 17

Liver—Chi Kon 17

Pork, Chop—Chi Pai Kwat 17

Canned—Ham Chu Yuk 17

Leg—Chu Pei 17

Fat or Lard—Chu Yau 17

Sheep's Head and Feet—Yeung Tau 17

Keok 17

Heart—Yeung Sum 17

Kidneys—Yeung Yiu 17

Liver—Yeung Yiu 17

Sucking Pigs, To Order—Chu Chai 17

Suet, Beef—Sang Ngau Yau 17

Mutton—Sang Ngau Yau 17

Veal—Ngau Chai Yuk 17

Sausages—Ngau Chai Yuk Tong 17

Chicken—Kai Chai 17

Capons, Large, Small—Sin Kai 17

Ducks—Ap 17

Doves—Pan Kau 17

Eggs, Hen—Kai Tan 17

Fowls, Canton—Kai 17

Hainan—Hoi Nam Kai 17

Geese—Ngai 17

Geese, Wild Shanghai—Sheung Hoi Ye 17

Musk Deer—Wong Keng 17

Hare—Tu Chai 17

Partridge—Che Khoo 17

Pheasant—Shan Kai 17

Pigeons, Canton—Pak Kuo 17

Quail—Um Chai 17

Rice Bird—Wo Pa Chai 17

Snipe—Sa Chui	each	22
Turkeys, Cock—Fo Kai Kung	each	60
Hen—	each	45
Wild Ducks, Shanghai, Sul-ap	pair	\$1.25
Teal, Shanghai, Sul Ap Chai	each	45
Wild Ducks, Canton—Sang Shing Sul	each	45
Apes	per pair	80

FISH.

Barbel—Ka Yu	each	13
Bream—Bin Yu	each	10
Canton Fresh Water Fish—Hoi Sin Yu	each	13
Carp—Li Yu	each	10
Catfish—Chik Yu	each	10

Shipping.

Arrivals.
 Thea, Ger. s.s. 934, 10th Jan.—Saigon 21st Jan., Rice—Yuen Woo & Co.
 Tungshing, Br. s.s. 1,173, Selby, 29th Jan.—Wuhu and Chinkiang 25th Jan., Rice and Oil—J. & Co.
 Sabine Rickmers, Br. s.s. 690, Nasbit, 29th Jan.—Pulo Samboe 20th Jan., Petroleum—A. K. & Co.
 Carl Diederichsen, Ger. s.s. 774, Schlaikier, 29th Jan.—Pakhoi and Hoihow 28th Jan., Gen.—J. & Co.
 Lyeemoo, Ger. s.s. 1,238, Lehmann, 29th Jan.—Ningpo 26th Jan., Samshu and Gen.—S. & Co.
 Eclipse, Br. cruiser, 1,603, Stokes, 29th Jan.—Mirs Bay 29th Jan.
 Hoihow, Fr. s.s. 503, Merlees, 29th Jan.—Haiphong and Hoihow 28th Jan., Gen.—A. R. M.
 Siam, Br. s.s. 992, Binns, 29th Jan.—Shanghai 26th Jan., Light—Geo. McRae & Co.
 Phra Chom Klao, Ger. s.s. 1,011, Reimers, 29th Jan.—Bangkok 18th Jan., and Angkor 21st, Rice and Wool—H. & S.
 Onsang, Br. s.s. 1,787, Davies, 29th Jan.—Nagasaki 24th Jan., Coal—J. M. & Co.
 Shawmut, Am. s.s. 9,604, Smith, 30th Jan.—Tacoma 28th Dec., and Moji 25th Jan., Gen.—D. & Co., Ltd.
 Loongsang, Br. s.s. 1,092, Weigall, 30th Jan.—Manila 27th Jan., Gen.—J. M. & Co.
 Phra Chula Chom Klao, Ger. s.s. 1,012, Bohm, 30th Jan.—Bangkok 22nd Jan., Rice and Gen.—M. & Co.
 Frithof, Nor. s.s. 811, Haraldsen, 30th Jan.—Kuchinotzu 14th Jan., Coal—S. W. & Co.
 Diomed, Br. s.s. 3,025, Thompson, 30th Jan.—Kuchinotzu 25th Jan., Ballast—B. & S.
 Loksang, Br. s.s. 987, Johns, 31st Jan.—Canton 29th Jan., Gen.—J. M. & Co.
 Yiksang, Br. s.s. 1,235, Bowker, 30th Jan.—Canton 29th Jan., Gen.—J. M. & Co.
 Würzburg, Ger. s.s. 5,085, Binzer, 30th Jan.—Shanghai 27th Jan., Gen.—H. A. L.

Clearances at the Harbour Office.

Departures.
 Jan. 30.
 Bengal, for Europe.
 Indragelli, for Portland.
 Lokhin, for Poulton.
 M. Struve, for Haiphong.
 Anura, for Sai on.
 Promethee, for Saigon.
 Hainan, for Coast Ports.
 Kain Maru, for Kobe.
 Ping Sui, for Nagasaki.
 Kansu, for Manila.
 Mongkut, for Bangkok.
 Wanchai, for Canton.
 Tungshing, for Hongkong.
 Carl Diederichsen, for Hoihow.
 Tungshing, for Canton.

Passengers arrived.

Per Lyeemoo, from Ningpo—Mr. Hartmann, and 64 Chinese.
 Per Loongsang, from Manila—Messrs. J. Homlin, S. Harris, J. Top, Mr. and Mrs. Guigu Suimi, and 62 Chinese.

Passengers to depart.

Per Hitachi Maru, for Japan Ports—Messrs. M. Kumatsu, Tomoeoka, Yamada, Miss Hacken, Mrs. Martin, Mr. Algate, Dr. and Mrs. Hacken, Messrs. Fujita, Sato, Mrs. Hunt and child, Messrs. McKean and Ting Chee.
 Per Doris, for Shanghai—Messrs. C. A. Holmes, H. Keswick, E. W. Maitland, L. Goetzschell, F. Gordon, Mrs. and Miss Moss, and Mr. Newman. For Kobe—Mr. W. F. Clarke. For Yokohama—Mr. A. S. Murray. For Honolulu—Messrs. C. A. Graham and L. K. Kentwell. For San Francisco—Misses E. N. Ward, E. Dalgleish, Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Strauss, Mr. and Mrs. L. Brignaudy, Mrs. A. A. Roselli, Mrs. J. H. Pike, Messrs. N. Lejeune, E. M. Neigman, J. E. Harding, R. F. Mummé, R. Greig, A. Marques Oliveira, Gen. H. Shute, G. W. Jones, E. Rebestock, V. Wilson and F. Ross.

Shipping Reports.

Str. Loongsang from Manila:—Moderate N.E. monsoon.
 Str. Phra Chul Chom Klao from Bangkok: Strong N.E. monsoon.
 Str. Diomed from Kuchinotzu:—Fresh N.W. wind and favourable current.
 Str. Tungshing from Wuhu:—Moderate monsoons, fine clear weather.
 Str. Sabine Rickmers from Pulo Samboe:—Strong monsoon and showery; sea high.
 Str. Siam from Shanghai:—Strong N.W. wind and cloudy, with drizzling rain throughout.
 Str. Thea from Saigon:—Strong monsoon and high sea during the voyage from Padaran port.
 Str. Anhui from Manila:—Rough sea and strong N.E. wind throughout, sky generally overcast.

Vessels Expected.

Vessel	From	Agents	Due
Chusan	Singapore	P. & O. Co.	Jan. 31
Siberia	Shanghai	P. M. Co.	Feb. 1
Sachsen	Shanghai	M. & Co.	Feb. 2
Merionethshire	Singapore	S. T. & Co.	Feb. 2
Suisang	Singapore	J. M. & Co.	Feb. 3
Indrapuri	Japan	P. & O. Co.	Feb. 4
Seydlitz	Japan	M. & Co.	Feb. 5
Changsha	P. Daiwin	B. & S.	Feb. 5
Tacoma	Victoria	N. P. Co.	Feb. 11
Coptic	San Francisco	O. & O. Co.	Feb. 12
Emp. of Japan	Vancouver	C. P. R. Co.	Feb. 15

Ships Passed the Canal.

Outward—29th December—Merionethshire, Bengal, Monmouthshire, Chinkiang, Konigsberg, G. R. 1. 2nd January—Arctika, 6th January—Gladius, 13th January—Indragelli, 13th January—Sachsen, 13th January—Suisang, 13th January—Seydlitz, 13th January—Changsha, 13th January—Tacoma, 13th January—Coptic, 13th January—Emp. of Japan, 13th January—Wakamatsu, 13th January—Homeward—13th January—Kuchinotzu, 23rd January—Promethee, 27th January—Anura, 27th January—Kain Maru, 27th January—Ping Sui, 27th January—Kansu, 27th January—Mongkut, 27th January—Wanchai, 27th January—Tungshing, 27th January—Carl Diederichsen, 27th January—Tungshing, 27th January.

Vessels in Port.

Steamers.
 Albenga, Ger. s.s. 2,769, Petersen, 29th Jan.—Manila 25th Jan., Gen.—C. & Co.
 Anhui, Br. s.s. 1,352, Summerfield, 29th Jan.—Manila 25th Jan., Gen.—B. & S.
 An Pho, Br. s.s. 902, Kynoch, 21st Jan.—Saigon 16th Jan., Rice—B. & S.
 Borneo, Ger. s.s. 1,344, Muhle, 27th Jan.—Sandakan 21st Jan., Gen. and Timber—M. & Co.
 Charles Hardouin, Fr. s.s. 876, Laurage, 15th Jan.—Nantes 15th Nov., and Singapore 1st Jan., Ballast—M. M. & Co.
 Chihli, Br. s.s. 1,142, Tushben, 16th Jan.—Canton 16th Jan., Gen.—B. & S.
 China, Ger. s.s. 1,202, Krübbe, 27th Jan.—Saigon 19th Jan., Gen.—Chinese.
 Chowla, Ger. s.s. 1,055, Köhler, 18th Jan.—Bangkok 19th Jan., Rice, Wood and Gen.—B. & S.
 Claverburn, Br. s.s. 1,338, Parker, R.M.R. 27th Dec.—New York 27th Oct., Case Oil—S. O. Co.
 unan, Br. s.s. 1,141, Frazier, 27th Jan.—Canton 26th Jan., Gen.—B. & S.
 Empire, Br. s.s. 4,502, Helms, 24th Jan.—Australia 3rd Jan., and Manila 21st Jan.—G. L. & Co.
 Empress of India, Br. s.s. 3,003, Marshall, 19th Jan.—Vancouver 28th Dec., and Shanghai 17th Jan., Mails and Gen.—C. P. R. Co.
 Haiching, Br. s.s. 1,267, Hodgins, 29th Jan.—Swatow 28th Jan., Gen.—D. L. & Co.
 Hanoh, Fr. s.s. 739, Merlees, 29th Jan.—Haiphong and Hoihow 28th Jan., Gen.—A. R. M.
 Hunsang, Br. s.s. 1,536, Sawyer, 27th Jan.—Java 17th Jan., Sugar—J. M. & Co.
 Kennebec, Br. s.s. 1,424, Wallace, 29th Jan.—New York 26th Dec., and Singapore 18th Jan., Kerosine—S. O. Co.
 Kumsang, Br. s.s. 2,077, Buller, 28th Jan.—Calcutta via Penang and Singapore 19th Jan., Gen.—J. M. & Co.
 Liscum, Am. transport, 1,072, Healey, 16th Jan.—Manila 13th Jan., Ballast—U. S. G. V.
 Maristow, Br. s.s. 2,267, Prout, 28th Jan.—Moji 22nd Jan., Coal—B. & S.
 Pak Lat, Ger. s.s. 1,018, Bandelin, 28th Jan.—Bangkok 18th Jan., and Ang Hin 19th, Rice and Wood—B. & S.
 Petrarch, Ger. s.s. 1,252, Ahrens, 26th Jan.—Moji 19th Jan., Coal—S. W. & Co.
 Pitsanulok, Ger. s.s. 1,268, Fuchs, 24th Jan.—Bangkok 15th Jan., Rice and Wood—B. & S.
 Pronto, Norw. s.s. 837, Seeberg, 26th Jan.—Haiphong and Hoihow 24th Jan., Rice and Pigs—E. A. T. Co.
 Quarta, Ger. s.s. 1,146, Johannsen, 29th Dec.—Maunius 4th Dec., sugar—S. W. & Co.
 Riverdale, Br. s.s. 2,752, Hay, 25th Jan.—New Zealand 14th Jan., and Australia 22nd, Coal—Admiralty.
 Roseta Maru, Jap. s.s. 2,403, Smith, 28th Jan.—Manila 26th Jan., Gen.—T. K. K.
 Sullberg, Ger. s.s. 782, Meyer, 28th Jan.—Daly 21st Jan., Gen.—H. A. L.
 Taipai, Ch. s.s. 1,374, Brissander, 29th Jan.—Chinkiang 23rd Jan., Gen.—Chinese.
 Tartar, Br. s.s. 4,425, Evans, 16th Dec.—Vancouver 16th Nov., and Shanghai 13th Dec., Gen.—C. P. R. Co.
 Telemachus, Br. s.s. 1,385, Williamson, 27th Jan.—Saigon 24th Jan., Gen.—Nam Wo & Co.
 Tritos, Ger. s.s. 1,033, Krafft, 15th Jan.—Saigon 10th Jan., Gen.—S. & Co.
 Triumph, Ger. s.s. 769, Hansen, 29th Jan.—Haiphong 26th Jan., Rice and Gen.—J. & Co.
 Wakamatsu Maru, Jap. s.s. 2,774, Sakamoto, 28th Jan.—Moji 23rd Jan., Coal—Mr. H. U. Jeffries.

Post Office.

3 Mail will close for—
 Namtso—Per *Tuichun*, 31st Jan., 9 A.M.
 Sanbu—Per *Hoi Fui*, 31st Jan., 9 A.M.
 Canton—Per *Hankow*, 31st Jan., 9 A.M.
 Macao—Per *Heungshan*, 31st Jan., 9 A.M.
 Kungmoon, Kunchuk and Samshu—Per *Chongkong*, 31st Jan., 9 A.M.
 Moji—Per *Wakamatsu Maru*, 31st Jan., 9 A.M.
 Manila—Per *Shawmut*, 31st Jan., 9 A.M.
 Port Darwin, Thursday Island, Cooktown, Cairns, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne—Per *Anhui*, 1st Feb., 3 P.M.
 Hoihow—Per *Chang*, 1st Feb., 3 P.M.
 Shanghai—Per *Gladius*, 1st Feb., 3 P.M.
 Singapore—Per *Loongsang*, 2nd Feb., 4 P.M.
 Rangoon, S. & C. India, via Futu, via—Per *Sachsen*, 3rd Feb., 11 A.M.
 Singapore, Penang and Calcutta—Per *Kumsang*, 3rd Feb., 1 P.M.
 Manila—Per *Chihli*, 3rd Feb., 3 P.M.
 Manila—Per *Rubi*, 6th Feb., 6 P.M.
 Rangoon, S. & C. India, via Futu, via—Per *British Simon*, 9th Feb., 11 A.M.
 Yokohama and Kobe—Per *Changsha*, 9th Feb., 3 P.M.
 Rangoon, S. & C. India, via Futu, via—Per *India*, 10th Feb., 11 A.M.
 Singapore, Penang and Bombay—Per *Cupri*, 11th Feb., 11:30 A.M.
 Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Honolulu and San Francisco—Per *Siberia*, 13th Feb., 11 A.M.
 Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama, Victoria and Vancouver, B.C.—Per *Tartar*, 24th Feb., 11 A.M.

Books containing stamps of the following denominations may be obtained at the counter of General Post Office for \$1.00 each.
 12 stamps at 4 cents.
 12 " " 2 " "
 12 " " 1 " "

TO-MORROW.

CHURCH SERVICES.
 St. John's Cathedral:—Communion, 7 a.m., Matins, 11 a.m., Evensong, 5:45 p.m.
 Roman Catholic Cathedral:—Mass at 6 a.m., 7 a.m., 8 a.m., and 9:30 a.m. Benediction, 5:30 p.m.
 German Bethesda Chapel, West Point:—Morning Service, 11 a.m.
 St. Francis' Church, Wanchai:—Mass (Chin.), 6 a.m., (Port.), 7:30 a.m. Benediction, 5 p.m.
 St. Joseph's Church, Garden Road:—Morning Service (English), 9 a.m.
 St. Anthony's Chapel, West Point:—Mass, 8 a.m.
 Wesleyan Methodist Church:—Morning Service, at St. Andrew's Hall, during the enlargement of the Church, at 10:15 a.m. Sunday School and Bible Class at the Soldiers and Sailors Home, Arsenal Street, at 3 p.m. Evening Service at the Soldiers and Sailors Home, at 6 p.m.
 Union Church:—Services, 11 a.m., and 6 p.m.
 St. Peter's Seamen's Church, Queen's Road West. Holy Communion 7:30 a.m. Matins 11 a.m., Venite, Jones; Te Deum, Woodward; Benediction, Floutbeck; Hymns, 283, 412, 445 and 443. Evensong 6:30 p.m., Magnificat, Goss; Nunc, Goss; Hymns, 203, 415, 380 and 391. The Church launch *Dayspring* will call on ships carrying white crews to bring friends ashore to the services between 9:15 and 10:30 a.m., and between 5:15 and 6 p.m. (Kowloon Police Pier, 10:30 and 6 p.m.): returning afterwards. The Answering Penant is the Call flag. All the sitings are free and unappropiated. Visitors welcome. Books, &c. provided. Sunday school 10 to 10:45 a.m.

VISITORS AT THE HOTELS.

THOMAS'
 Berrain, C. F.
 Bowa, O.
 Chakow, J. L.
 Chow How Wai
 Condy, Mr. C. and 2 children
 Grego, Mr.
 Fisher, H. L.
 Gibson, L. S.
 Gilbert, J. S.
 Henry, G.
 Hough, Dr.
 Akehurst, C. A.
 Burdett, Mrs. F. D.
 Chand, Mr. L. F.
 Dickinson, Mr. and Mrs. J. C.
 Gerard, Capt. J. C.
 Gibson, Dr. F.
 Kev, Dr. F.
 Liddell, Mr. and Mrs. Lopez, Amaro Lu-dor, J. H.
 North, H. S.
 Bennis, J.
 Barbazan, P. A.
 Clark, Lieut. T. F.
 Koralewski, Lieut.
 Lightfoot, S.
 Ritchie, Mr. and Mrs. and child
 Speakes, Major
 Howk, A.
 Juan Jose Gouri
 Keeble, Geo.
 Kennedy, Mr. and Mrs.
 Condy, Mr. C. and 2 children
 Muay, Mr. and Mrs. H.
 Roberts, Capt. W.
 Simpson, Capt. F.
 Smith, J.
 Ting Chuk Nar
 Whaley, Mr.
 Young, L. C.
 Pezare, Lieut. T.
 Pritwitz, A. V.
 Rehwald, Capt.
 Kienappel, R.
 Schattchiesles, Mr.
 Schlechtweg, Gustav
 Scherch, Mrs. and child
 Stapfel, M.
 Stephens, H.
 Walters, S.
 Wietman, Paul
 Wilkinson, K.
 Pezare, Lieut. T.
 Pritwitz, A. V.
 Rehwald, Capt.
 Kienappel, R.
 Schattchiesles, Mr.
 Schlechtweg, Gustav
 Scherch, Mrs. and child
 Stapfel, M.
 Stephens, H.
 Walters, S.
 Wietman, Paul
 Wilkinson, K.

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 Ritchie, Mr. and Mrs. and child
 Speakes, Major

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Kaish, E. A.
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 Macgowan, R. J.
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 Mast, Sidney
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 Mengers, Mr. and Mrs.
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 Osborn, Mrs. F.
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 Potts, W. H.
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 Ross, S. B. C.
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 Sayle, R. T. D.
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 Smeville, Geo.
 Stuart, Capt. and Mrs. Leslie C.
 Sullivan, H. B.
 Sutherland, R.
 Thomas, C. B.
 Tretheway, A. W.
 Vernon, Mr. and Mrs. J.
 Watkins, Mr. and Mrs. E. A.
 Whitton, Mrs. A. M.
 Windrom, J. B.
 Wolff, Philip
 Woolmer, Mr. and Mrs. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. C. G.
 Logan, Capt.
 Nathan, Joseph
 Rose, Mr. and Mrs. T. J.
 Smith, Dr. Malcolm
 Stephens, Mr. and Mrs. M. J. D.
 Stirling, Mrs. Yates
 Stirling, Miss Helen
 Stirling, Miss Margaret
 Stokes, R. N., Capt.
 R. H. S.
 Stokes, Mrs. R. B. S.
 Talati, Mr. and Mrs. M. P.
 Vaughan, H. S.
 Wallace, Mrs. H.

CONNAUGHT.

Kawala, K.
 Lee, G. E.
 Macfarlane, Dr. and Mrs. H. D. R.
 Marston, Mr. and Mrs. L. R.
 Massabot, F.
 Mercier, A.
 Munn, R. F.
 Newborn, R. H.
 Ranney, Mr. and Mrs. F. O.
 Roberts, A. G.
 Robertson, W. R.
 Rutherford, N. H.
 Thomson, J. D.
 Wakeman, G. H.
 Whitmore, R.
 Williams, W. H.
 Bell, J. W.
 Bell, J. Mrs.
 Bell, J. F.
 Boyd, W. B.
 Campbell, R. E., Capt.
 Christie, Mr. and Mrs. D.
 Cronin, John
 Donald, W. H.
 Davidson, A. Duncan
 Delour, Mrs. B.
 Dillit, Miss.
 Eyre, Mr. and Mrs. H.
 Foy, R. H.
 Hayler, L.
 Heckford, R. B.
 Helme, E. G.
 Homprich, W.
 Hills, L. D.
 Howard, E.

PEAK.

Hardy, R. N., Commander and Mrs.
 Jeffries, H. W.
 Lewis, R. N. Capt. and Mrs. Vaughan
 Lutgens, R.
 Martin, R.
 McDermott, A. P. B.
 Mitchell, R.
 Mortimer, Miss E.
 Morris, Dr. and Mrs.
 Moxon, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert
 Ollis, Mr. and Mrs.
 Ormiston, Major and Mrs. J. W.
 Pollock, H. E.
 Pratt, Major and Mrs. Reid, T. H.
 Sawyer, Mrs. W. E.
 Sinclair, A.
 Smith, A. Findlay
 Smith, C. W.
 Spalckhaver, W. O. C.
 Stevenson, D.
 Watkins, R. E., Capt. and Mrs.
 Watson, Mr. and Mrs. Wenborn, S. T.

CRAIGIEBURN.

Au-ten, Dr. and Mrs. T.
 Bent, Mrs.
 Crafin, R. H.
 Duan, G. H.
 Duff, J. S.
 Fullin, C. H.
 Gaskell, Mr. and Mrs.
 Harvey, Lieut.
 Mrs. J. S.
 Helms, W.

THE SHARE MARKET.

STOCKS.	PAID UP VALUE.	LAST DIVIDEND.	TO-DAY'S QUOTATIONS.
BANKS.			
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, Ltd.	\$ 125	Div. of £1.10/- @ 1/8=\$18 for half year ending 30.6.1903	\$645
National Bank of China, Ltd.	£ 1	3/6=\$. for 1903	\$33 ex div. b.
Do. Founders.	£ 1	None	\$10
MARINE INSURANCES.			
Union In. Society of C'lon, Ltd.	\$ 100	32 per cent=\$32 per share for 1903	\$490 a.
China Traders' In. Co., Ltd.	\$ 25	16 1/2=\$. for year ended 30.4.1903	\$56
North China In. Co., Ltd.	£ 1	Final of £1 making £2 for 1903	Tls. 69
Yangtze In. Association, Ltd.	\$ 60	20 1/2=\$12 for 1903	\$135
Canton In. Office, Ltd.	\$ 50	30 1/2=\$15 per share for 1903	\$175
FIRE INSURANCES.			
Hongkong Fire In. Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$24 per share for 1901	\$300 b.
China Fire In. Co., Ltd.	\$ 20	\$6 per share for 1901	\$92 b.
SHIPPING.			
Hongkong, Canton, & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd.	\$ 15	\$1 1/2 for half-year ending 30.6.1903	\$314 a.
Indo-China S. N. Co., Ltd.	£ 10	5 1/2 = 10/- per share for 1902	\$73 b.
China & Manila S.S. Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	10 1/2=\$. per share for 1900	\$20 a.
Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	Div. of \$3 for year ended 30.6.1903	\$31
'Star' Ferry Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	\$1.20 = 12% for year ending 30.6.1903	\$30
'Shall' Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.	\$ 5	60 cts. 30.4.03	\$19
Taku Tug & Lighter Co., Ltd.	Tls. 50	Interim of 1/- for 1903	£1 ex div. b.
Shanghai Tug & Lighter Co., Ltd.	Tls. 50	Interim of 2% for 1903	Tls. 36 a.
Do. Preference.	Tls. 50	Interim of 4 1/2=Tls. 2.00	Tls. 49 a.
Do. Preference.	Tls. 50	Interim of 3 1/2=Tls. 1.75	Tls. 45 a.
REFINERIES.			
China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	\$ 100	Fin. of \$7 making \$12 for 1903	\$106
Luzon Sugar Refining Co., Ltd.	\$ 100	\$12 per share for 1897	\$10 a.
Perak Sugar Cultivation Co., Ltd.	Tls. 50	5 1/2 = Tls. 2 1/2 for year ending 30.9.03	Tls. 52 1/2 a.
MINING.			
Punjom Mining Co., Ltd.	\$ 11	None	\$1 a.
Société Française des Charbonnages du Tonkin	Fr. 250	Interim of Frs. 30 for 1903	\$600 a.
Raub Australian Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	£s. 18.10	No. 12 of 1/- per share 28.1.01	\$6 a.
Chinese Engineering & Mining Co., Ltd.	£ 1	No. 2 of 1/- per share 26.10.03	Tls. 5 1/2 a.
DOCKS, WHARVES AND GODOWNS.			
Hongkong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	12 1/2=\$. 6 for 1 year 30.6.03	\$209 b.
S. C. Farnham, Boyd & Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Interim of Tls. 5 for 1 year ending 31.10.1903	Tls. 125 b.
Hongkong & Kowloon Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	Interim of \$2 1/2 for 1903	\$95 b.
New Amoy Dock Co., Ltd.	\$ 6 1/2	\$2 1/2 for 1902	\$37 1/2 a.
Shanghai & Hongkong Wharf & Godown Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Interim of Tls. 5 for 1903	Tls. 200 b.
LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.			
China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	8 1/2 = 90 cents per share for 1903	\$9
Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd.	\$ 100	Final of \$6 making \$12 for 1903	\$150 ex div.
K'loon Land & Building Co., Ltd.	\$ 30	\$2.60 per share for 1903	\$55 b.
West Point Building Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	Final of \$1.70 making \$3.20 for 1903	\$147
Hongkong Hotel Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$6 for first 4-year 1903	\$147
Astor House Hotel Co., Ltd. (Shanghai)	\$ 25	2 1/2% for year ending 30.6.03	\$29 a.
Hotel des Colonies Co., Ltd. (Shanghai)	Tls. 25	6% for year ending 31.3.03	Tls. 13 1/2 b.
Humphreys Estate & Finance Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	9 per cent. for 1903	\$11 1/2
Shanghai Land Investment Co., Ltd.	Tls. 50	Interim of 6% for 1903	Tls. 110 b.
COTTON MILLS.			
Hongkong Cotton Spinning & Weaving & Dyeing Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	{ Final of 60 cents, making \$1 for 1903 } { 10.2/1903 }	\$15 1/2 a.
Ewo Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	Tls. 50	8 1/2% for period ended 31.10.1903	Tls. 32 a.
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	Tls. 75	Interim of 3% on account of 1898	Tls. 25 b.
Laau-kung-mow Cotton Spinning & Weaving Co., Ltd.	Tls. 100	Interim div. of 4% on acct. of 1898	Tls. 35
Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	Tls. 500	4% for period ended 31.12.1897	Tls. 170
CIGAR AND TOBACCO COMPANIES.			
Alhambra, Ltd.	\$ 100	25% for year ending 30.6.1900	\$200
Philippine Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	First year	\$10 b.
Shanghai-Sumatra Tobacco Co., Ltd.	Tls. 20	Interim of Tls. 3 per share	Tls. 52 a.
MISCELLANEOUS.			
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	12 1/2=\$.20 per share for 1902	\$25 b.
China Borneo Co., Ltd.	\$ 12	First year	\$18
A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	Interim of 5% for 1903	\$14 1/2 a.
Watkins, Ltd.	\$ 1	\$1 per share for 1903	\$7 1/2 b.
Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	90 cents for year ending 30.4.1903	\$12 1/2
Hongkong Electric Co., Ltd.	\$ 5	45 cents for year ending 30.4.1903	\$7
Hongkong & China Gas Co., Ltd.	£ 10	10 1/2 div. and 1% bonus for 1901	\$140 b.
Hongkong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	\$10 for 1902	\$50
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Ltd.	\$ 25	15 per cent=\$3.75 for 1902	\$50
Hongkong Ice Co., Ltd.	\$ 25	Interim of \$4 for 1903	\$240
Hongkong High-Level Tramways Co., Ltd.	\$ 100	\$20 for year ending 31.11.1903	\$300
Dairy Farm Co., Ltd.	\$ 6	\$1 1/2 for year ending 31.7.1903	\$12 1/2 b.
Campbell, Moore & Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	Div. of \$2 1/2 for 1902	\$40 a.
Bell's Asbestos Eastern Agency, Ltd.	£s. 12.6		\$5 a.
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Ltd.	\$ 4	90 cents } for year ending 31.5.03	\$9 1/2 b.
Do. Founders.	\$ 10	\$29.70 }	\$20 b.
Hongkong Steam Water-boat Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	Final of 6% making 12% for year	\$12 1/2 b.
China Light & Power Co., Ltd.	\$ 10	None	\$5 b.
William Powell, Ltd.	\$ 10	\$1 for year ended 30.6.1903	\$9 1/2 a. & b.
Maatschappij tot Mijn-, Bosch- en Landbouw exploitatie in Langkat, Limited	Guilders 100	{ 5th interim dividend of Tls. 7 1/2 paid } { 15.12.1903 making so far Tls. 35 } { for the year ending 31.10.03 }	Tls. 295 a.
Shanghai & Hongkong Dyeing and Cleaning Co., Ltd.	\$ 50	First year	\$50
South China Morning Post, Ltd.	\$ 25	First year	\$25
Telegraphic Address—"Rialto."		BENJAMIN, KELLY & POTTS,	
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